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REPORT MADE AT <b>HOUSTON, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-4-46</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5-28 to 10-1-46</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ARDIS C. HOPPER</b>
<b>TITLE</b> <b>UNITED NEGRO AND ALLIED VETERANS OF AMERICA</b>		<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	
<b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b>  UNAVA still dominated in Houston area by State Headquarters of the Communist Party. Entire state membership UNAVA set out.			
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<b>REFERENCE:</b> <i>DEC</i> Report of Special Agent ARDIS C. HOPPER dated 5-29-46, at Houston, Texas. Report of Special Agent ROBERT S. KELLEY at Chicago, Illinois, dated 4-24-46.			
<b>DETAILS:</b> <i>AT HOUSTON, TEXAS: CONF. INT.</i>  Investigation of this case in the Houston Field Division was conducted as a result of information furnished by [redacted] to the effect that the Communist Party Headquarters in Houston has been influential in sponsoring the activities of the UNAVA in the Houston area.			
[redacted] advised that on the night of July 22, 1946, a meeting was held at the NAACP Hall at Houston for the purpose of making arrangements for a visit to Houston by the National Commander of the UNAVA, KENNETH C. KENNEDY, around the first of August, 1946. At this meeting on July 22, were INEZ WRIGHT, Chairman of the City Branch of the Communist Party, LULU WHITE, member of the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party, and KENNETH SUSSAN, member of the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party. At this meeting it was decided to get all the veterans of World War II together at a meeting during KENNEDY's visit to Houston. It was pointed out that this meeting should be held under the auspices of the UNAVA, but that the Communist Party would use the meeting for the distribution of Communist literature in the interest of the advancement of the colored people.			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <i>B. J. Willis</i> <b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b>		<b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b> 161-34451-40 <b>RECORDED</b> 1-Buffalo 1-Boston 1-Memphis 1-New Orleans 1-Atlanta 1-Miami 2-Houston	
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has gotten the impression that organizing chapters on a citywide basis is the important thing. He states that this will obtain members more readily and start the ball rolling in terms of dues payments.

As a further indication of the influence of the Communist Party in this organization is a letter dated 7-16-46 from J. D. BAKEFIELD, Regional Director, to W. H. CRAWFORD, State Negro Organizer for the Communist Party. This latter states in part, "I am scheduled to go to Calvert, Texas, the fourth Sunday coming to set up a veteran's organization. Will you go along with me? My real interest now is hearing from you and SMITH about the papers. Please let me hear from you early. I would like to get something done on incorporating our state very soon now. The National Office is anxious to hear about it".

The SMITH referred to in this letter is ROBERT L. SMITH, of Houston, Secretary of the Texas Provisional Committee, UNAVA.

On October 1, 1946, [redacted] furnished the following list of members of the UNAVA. This list was obtained from the Texas State Headquarters of the Communist Party, 305 Hermann Building, Houston, Texas. It will be noted that the addresses for some of the members set out in this list are addresses outside the state of Texas.

Fred W. Estes.  
Augustin Estrada  
Claude B. Fair  
W. H. Crawford  
Samuel W. Katz  
Ellwood Griscom  
William Leiner  
Jesse G. Thompson  
Robert V. Toussaint  
Tom Friedman  
B. A. Adams, Jr.  
Lyman Gipperton  
K. C. Stanford  
Oliver C. Sutton  
R. L. Smith  
Sam Edwards  
Jack Rye  
J. D. Barfield  
Leroy Singleton  
Preston Williams  
Moses Johnson  
Howard Sampson  
Scott Mills  
Earl Sampson

Dallas, Texas  
Dallas  
Houston  
Houston  
San Antonio  
Austin  
Austin  
Houston  
Houston  
Houston  
Houston  
Houston  
San Antonio  
Austin  
Houston  
San Antonio  
Houston  
Dallas  
Houston  
Galveston  
Highlands  
Goose Creek  
Baytown  
Baytown  
Baytown  
Baytown

Gen. Delivery  
General Delivery  
General Delivery  
General Delivery

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T/4 Boswell Buchanan  
 Sgt. Alfred E. Crain  
 S/Sgt. Arthur Baker  
 M/Sgt. Frank L. Ferguson

Julian Garfield  
 Jessie Isabelle  
 Rev. E. Floyd  
 A. L. Clark

George Deanne  
 Ruben Hall  
 Fred Johnson  
 Barry Elies  
 Walter Lawrence  
 X Howland Ware  
 E. C. Collins  
 Robert Emerick  
 M. M. Taylor  
 Mrs. Rachel Wells  
 Miss Marie Lilli  
 Mr. Edward Cot  
 Sgt. Spingarn B. Inkley  
 Pvt. Eugene Chase  
 O. C. Horton  
 Ozell P. Henry  
 Vernon C. Asford  
 Lamar Anderson  
 M. Sellers  
 Malcolm Jenkins  
 Charles E. Talbert  
 Leo Baker  
 Pvt. Ernest Petrie  
 Sgt. Howard Dr. Cash  
 PFC Sherwood Brewer  
 Cpl. John Reeves Wright  
 Cpl. Ernest G. Withers  
 Mrs. Hazel Wright  
 Miss Claudine Leigh  
 Miss Montrose Wilson  
 Wm. P. Brooks  
 Miss Harriet Dawkins  
 Miss Jimmie Lee Burgess  
 Miss Unice Thompson

John T. Fields

Jackson, Miss.  
 New York City

New York City,  
 c/o Morrow Worth Store

Chicago, Illinois

Baltimore, 17, Md.

San Francisco 15,  
 California

Lawrenceville, Penna.  
 Philadelphia, Penna.

Plainfield, N.J.

Washington, D.C.

Brooklyn, New York

Washington, D.C.

Bastrop, Texas

Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Alexandria, Louisiana

Alexandria, Louisiana

Kansas City, Mo.

Alexandria, La.

b6 -3 Richmond, Va.

b7C -3 Baltimore, Md.

Evanston, Illinois

Washington, D.C.

Des Moines, Iowa

Buffalo, New York

Philadelphia, Penna.

Springfield, Mass.

New York City

Berkley Be-0667

Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Memphis, Tenn.

Chicago, Illinois

Indianapolis, Ind.

Memphis, Tenn.

Camp Livingston, La.

Atlanta, Georgia

Washington, D.C.

Spartenburg, Florida

New Orleans, La.

Pensacola, Fla.

USO Club

Philadelphia, Penna.

1062 Manassas St.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Will through confidential sources keep advised of the activities of the UNAVA in the Houston area and the Communist influence in this organization.